



Department Description

Governed by a five member Board of Health, Columbus Public Health (CPH) works to protect the Columbus community from disease and other public health threats by ensuring that all residents and visitors are empowered to live healthier, safer lives. Columbus Public Health offers more than 40 diverse programs in environmental, neighborhood, family, population, clinical health, sexual health promotion, and addiction services.

Department Mission

To protect health and improve lives in our community.

Columbus Public Health protects, promotes, and monitors the health of the public by:

- Assuring compliance with public health laws, mandates, and regulations;
- Establishing policies to address health issues and emerging health threats;
- Providing preventative, environmental, community, clinical, and home-based services.

Diverse **clinical and family health services** are provided to Columbus residents including women's health, family planning, sexual health and wellness, immunizations, health screenings, infant health, dental care, and many others. In recent years, the department also has been a community leader in efforts to address infant mortality, violent crime, the opiate crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **sexual health promotion** division seeks to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI) through education, testing, and treatment. Promoting sexual health requires disease identification, and investigation and treatment, which needs to address both the medical and social circumstances related to health. Sexual health promotion also contributes to the development of best practices through specialized HIV and STI evaluation programs in collaboration with state and federal partners.

Budget Summary				
Fund	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Proposed
Health Operating Fund	37,419,256	37,252,444	43,461,618	43,453,336
Department Total	\$ 37,419,256	\$ 37,252,444	\$ 43,461,618	\$ 43,453,336

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Columbus Public Health's **addiction services** provides programs, activities and treatment services related to drug and alcohol addiction, and oversight and coordination of the Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan, a collaborative community response addressing the opioid crisis. The department identifies the resources needed to effectively implement the action plan, and manages and coordinates addiction services including prevention, treatment, and harm reduction.

The department also works to prevent or reduce risks from environmental hazards. **Environmental health** programs seek to prevent disease or injury associated with food, water, air, animals, vectors, hazardous materials, and hazardous waste.

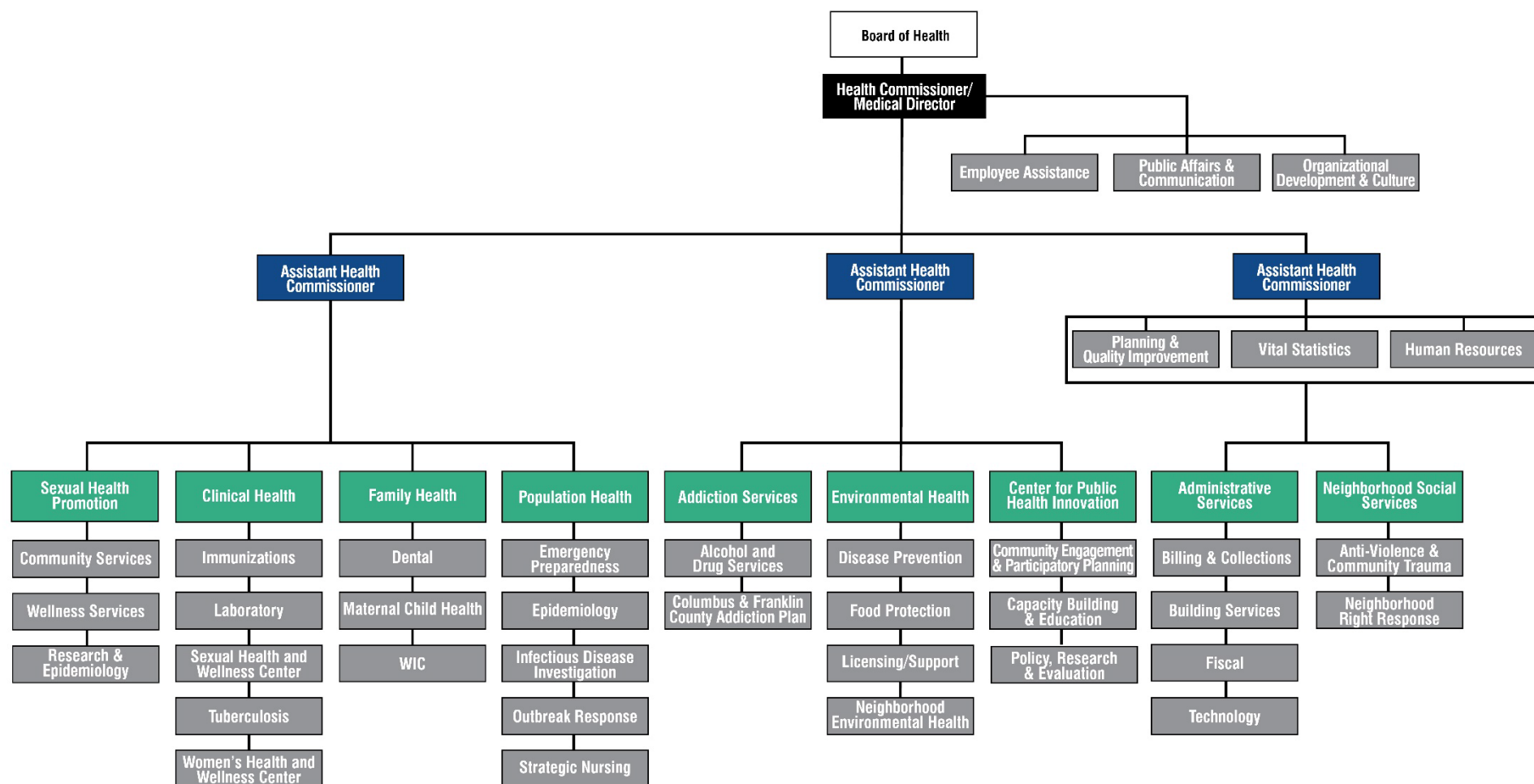
Within the **population health** area and through the **Office of Epidemiology**, CPH helps to improve the health of the Columbus community by gathering and studying health-related data and information to make informed decisions about community health policy, planning, and programming. The **Office of Emergency Preparedness** analyzes health indicators, investigates infectious diseases, and implements public health interventions when needed.

The **Center for Public Health Innovation** has been tasked with raising life expectancy and improving quality of life by reducing health inequities with a focus on racism as a public health crisis. The Center brings community voices to CPH services with participatory planning strategies, increases organizational and community capacity to advance equity, and develops policies that can dismantle structural racism and improve the health of all.

Finally, **Neighborhood Social Services** continues to grow its programming to include community trauma support and anti-violence prevention. CPH provides social workers in the 911 Call Center to assist Columbus Police and Fire dispatchers to respond appropriately to non-violent calls. The Mobile Crisis Response Team now includes CPH Social Workers and Columbus Police who respond to immediate mental health emergencies. Neighborhood Social Services also provides community support to residents on housing, food insecurity, and access to various community needs agencies.



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2024 BUDGET NOTES

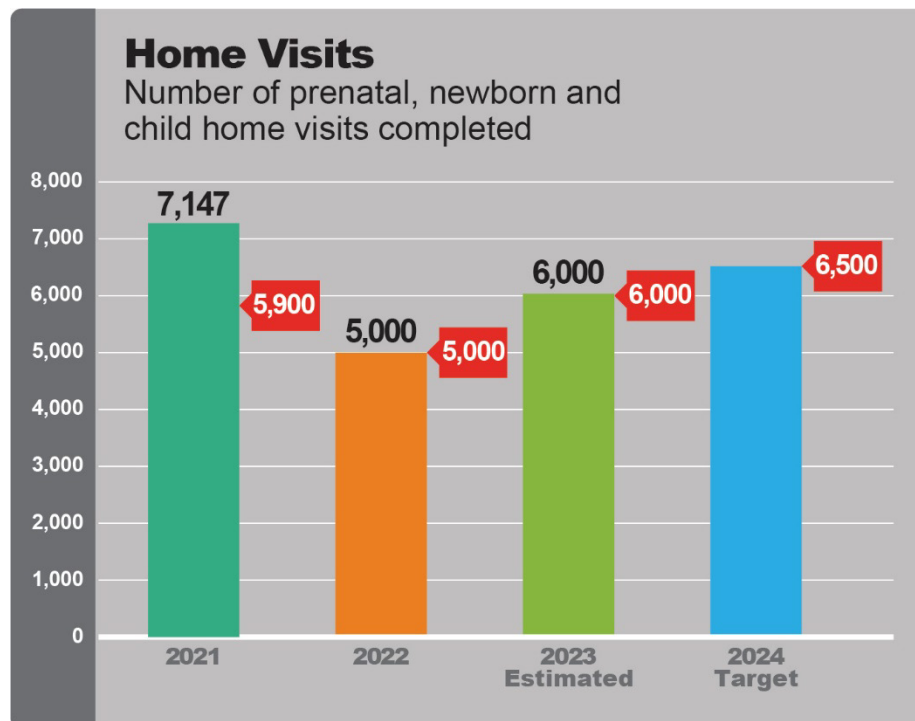
The 2024 budget for Columbus Public Health allows for continued provision of public health services that are mandated, services that meet the Mayor's strategic priorities, and a variety of programs that the Board of Health deems essential. In addition:

- Neighborhood Social Services, created in 2022, continues funding with a budget of more than \$5 million for 2024. This program, which encompasses the CARE Coalition, Violence Intervention, Violent Crime Review Group, Community Right Response, Right Response Dispatch, and Neighborhood Social Work focuses on community trauma support and hospital based violence intervention; community based violence reduction programs focusing on geographical location and at-risk individuals for violence; community based teams who follow up on 911 calls; 911 Dispatch Center teams that triage calls to assess for proper response based on acuity of the call; and, a community based team working directly with residents on housing, food insecurity, and access to various community needs agencies.
 - Increased funding for language interpretation contracts is budgeted in 2024 due to the increasingly diverse population growth within Columbus.
 - The Health Department continues to focus on sexual health services and promotion. For 2024, this area is budgeted over \$400,000.
 - Total combined funding of \$1.8 million is budgeted to continue to address heroin and opiate use as part of the Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan. The Safe Point Program continues to be funded at \$350,000 and provides Naloxone access, addiction counseling, treatment referrals, infectious disease screenings and linkage to care, and prevention education. In addition, medication assisted treatment services funding remains steady.
 - Continued funding is included in the 2024 budget to support the infant mortality initiative, CelebrateOne, including funding for Pre- and Post-Natal Evidence Based Home Visiting services to provide wrap-around social and nursing support to more women and babies in an effort to help reduce infant deaths. More information on CelebrateOne can be found in the Office of CelebrateOne's budget section.
 - Continued support for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), formerly known as the Community Neighborhood Health Centers (CNHC), in the amount of \$4.3 million is included to provide access to care and to address health concerns at multiple health centers.
 - The department continues to assist Columbus Public Schools by contracting with the district to provide general consultation and input on school health procedures and protocols, and to contract with and receive revenue from the City of Worthington to provide public health consultation and assistance in matters of public health.
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PERFORMANCE MEASURES



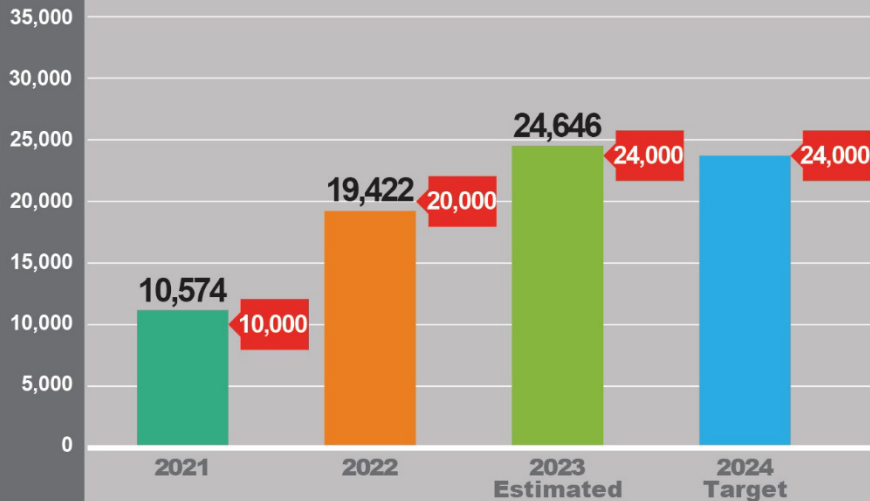
Sleep-related infant deaths are mostly preventable and are a leading cause of death for babies from birth to one year of age. Columbus Public Health and CelebrateOne developed and administer Safe Sleep Ambassador and Ally trainings, both in-person and virtual, to caregivers, social services and healthcare professionals to promote recommendations on how to keep babies safe while sleeping. Trained Safe Sleep Ambassadors and Allies share the ABC's of safe sleep with friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and community groups. In 2022, CPH exceeded its goal due to CPH staff completing the training, netting an additional 473 Ambassadors. For 2024 CPH renews the ambitious goal to train 1,000 ambassadors.



CPH Maternal Child Health Home Visiting Programs provide community outreach, and in-home, family-centered care coordination, education and support to pregnant and parenting women with very young children. All services are voluntary and at no cost to the client. The 2021 actual visits were higher than projected due to the ability to provide telehealth visits due to COVID-19. The 2022 actual number of visits successfully surpassed the goal, due to an increase in the number of staff. The 2023 target prediction took into account staffing and the transition back to in-person visitation. The increase in services predicted for 2024 is due to anticipating a nearly fully staffed team.

Immunizations

Number of immunizations provided to adults and children



Providing immunizations to adults and children is a top priority in protecting the health of residents by reducing the spread of vaccine-preventable illnesses such as measles and pertussis (whooping cough). CPH estimates that it will provide over 24,000 vaccinations in 2023, a 16.6% increase from 2022. This projected increase is likely attributable to the fact that all staff were released from pandemic duties and are fully focused on vaccinations. The target for 2024 is 24,000 vaccinations which is comparable to the pre-pandemic levels.

Compliant Food Facilities

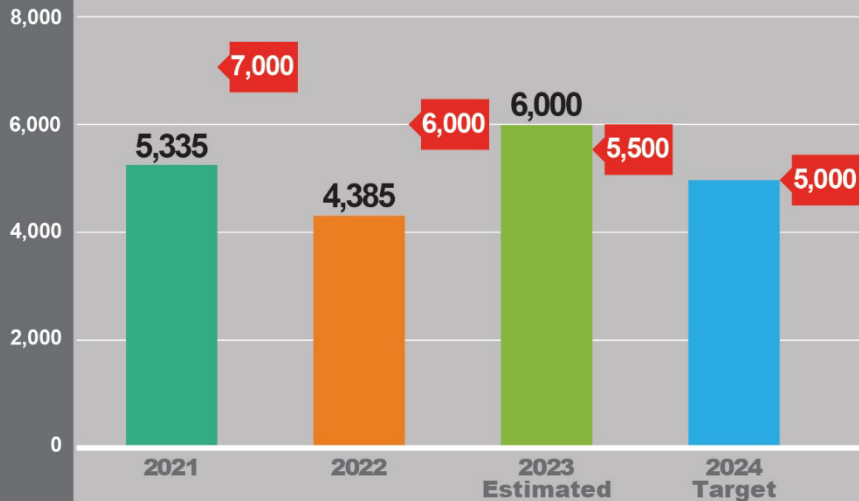
Percentage of licensed food facilities in compliance with public health standards



Columbus Public Health's (CPH) Food Protection Program inspects and safeguards Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments for residents of Columbus and Worthington. CPH consistently meets its compliance standards. Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments not in compliance are under enforcement by CPH to address violations. For 2024, CPH target for this measure is 99.8% of food facilities in compliance with public health standards, to ensure the continued safety of Columbus residents.

Pesticide Applications

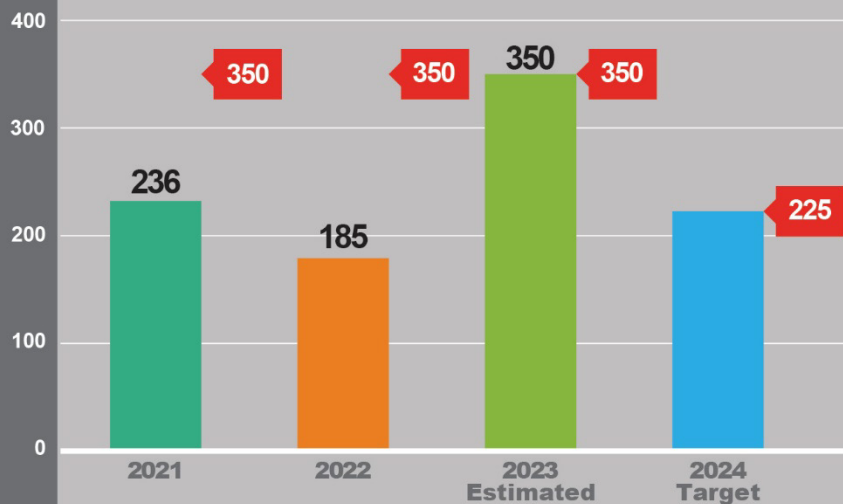
Number of pesticide applications made to stagnant water sites



The Vector Control Program conducts larviciding each year to prevent mosquitoes from developing into adults where they can then transmit disease. This is accomplished by treating standing water (larviciding) which includes: rain barrel treatment, catch basin treatment, historic mosquito breeding sites being treated, identification and treatment of new mosquito breeding sites, and complaint investigations in which standing water may be observed and treated.

Baby & Me Tobacco Free Clients

Number of maternal health clients who are smoke-free by first post partum visit



The Baby and Me Tobacco Free program at CPH is the only evidence-based smoking cessation program specifically tailored for pregnant women and their families in Franklin County. It aims to increase smoking cessation rates among pregnant and postpartum women to improve birth outcomes and infant and maternal health. In 2021, Baby and Me Tobacco Free continued telehealth services, which allowed for continued programming throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, the program funder required a return to in person visits illustrating the complex challenges families experience accessing healthcare visits, including transportation, child care, and other factors. Additionally in 2023, post-partum visits were reduced from 12 to 6 (this impacts the numbers reported from previous years).

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Financial Summary by Area of Expense											
Division	2021		2022		2023		2023		2024		
	Actual		Actual		Budget		Projected		Proposed		
Health											
Health Operating Fund											
	Personnel	\$	25,819,254	\$	26,952,224	\$	31,977,838	\$	30,756,311	\$	33,464,159
	Materials & Supplies		1,346,754		1,494,236		1,450,977		1,751,268		1,470,398
	Services		9,958,086		8,375,775		9,800,803		9,458,308		8,463,779
	Other		10,161		48,582		32,000		522,500		55,000
	Capital		285,000		-		-		-		-
	Transfer		-		381,627		200,000		-		-
Health Operating Fund Subtotal			37,419,256		37,252,444		43,461,618		42,488,387		43,453,336
Department Total			\$ 37,419,256		\$ 37,252,444		\$ 43,461,618		\$ 42,488,387		\$ 43,453,336

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund	2021 Actual		2022 Actual		2023 Budget		2024 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
Health Operating Fund								
Administration	253	32	286	23	330	18	331	20
Total	253	32	286	23	330	18	331	20

Operating Budget by Program					
Program	2023 Budget	2023 FTEs	2024 Proposed	2024 FTEs	
Health Administration	\$ 11,666,623	51	\$ 10,260,971	52	
Fiscal	781,853	6	609,117	6	
Human Resources	1,078,588	9	922,853	9	
Internal Services	474,004	0	473,277	0	
Center for Public Health Innovation	2,913,936	25	3,233,620	26	
Clinical Health	4,786,159	37	4,859,230	35	
Population Health	4,384,117	41	4,792,666	41	
Environmental Health	6,537,388	66	7,067,934	67	
Family Health	3,711,140	38	3,692,176	38	
Opiate Initiatives	1,758,242	12	1,830,073	11	
Sexual Health Promotion	362,008	3	402,604	3	
Neighborhood Social Services	5,007,560	43	5,295,815	43	
Sustainable Columbus	-	0	13,000	0	
Department Total	\$ 43,461,618	330	\$ 43,453,336	331	

For additional financial information related to the Health Department, please refer to the health operating fund contained within the Special Revenue section. Program descriptions begin on the following page.



2024 PROGRAM GUIDE

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

To provide leadership and direction for the department, administrative and support services in the areas of information systems and facilities management, and to monitor and document the department and community health status regarding state and national public health standards. The City of Columbus Employee Assistance Program is located at Columbus Public and provides confidential counseling services for all City employees and significant others.

FISCAL

To provide administrative and support services in the area of fiscal management.

HUMAN RESOURCES

To provide administrative and support services in the area of human resource management.

INTERNAL SERVICES

To account for the internal service charges of the department necessary to maintain operations.

CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INNOVATION

To provide innovation that raises life expectancy and improves quality of life by reducing health inequities with a focus on racism as a public health crisis. The Center works to: bring in community voices to CPH services with participatory planning strategies; increase organizational and community capacity to advance equity; and, develop policy that can dismantle structural racism and improve the health of all. This work is achieved through the use of data to evaluate community health needs and then evaluation to determine project effectiveness.

CLINICAL HEALTH

To provide clinical services to the public including immunizations, women's health, family planning, sexual health and wellness, and tuberculosis services.

POPULATION HEALTH

To prevent and/or reduce morbidity and mortality associated with public health threats by analyzing health indicators, investigating infectious diseases, and implementing public health interventions.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

To reduce the number of food-borne illnesses in Columbus and Franklin County, inspect and license swimming pools, spas, and water systems, provide inspections for hazardous waste and underground storage tanks, conduct animal bite investigations, monitor and control mosquito and rodent populations, and evaluate and reduce lead poisoning in the community.

FAMILY HEALTH

To provide public health nursing and social work home visiting services to residents in need of social support linkages with community resources, to reduce death and preventable injuries to children aged 14 and under, to provide basic and preventive dental clinical services to Franklin County families who are unable to access dental services due to cost, and to prevent tooth decay through a mobile dental sealant program for low income families in Columbus.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES

Encompassing **Addiction Services** to account for the costs associated with the prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse and addiction, and **Opiate Initiatives** to account for the costs associated with the prevention and treatment of opioid abuse.

SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION

To prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI) through education, testing and treatment.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL SERVICES

To provide neighborhood social services programs, including; community trauma support and hospital based violence intervention; community based violence reduction programs focusing on geographical location and at-risk individuals for violence; community based teams who follow up on 911 calls; 911 Dispatch Center teams that triage calls to assess for proper response based on acuity of the call; and, a community based team working directly with residents on housing, food insecurity and access to various community needs agencies.

SUSTAINABLE COLUMBUS

To ensure the City is doing its part to combat the effects of climate change while imparting fairness and environmental justice, in an effort to create a more equitable and resilient community.



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